



Bakerloo news



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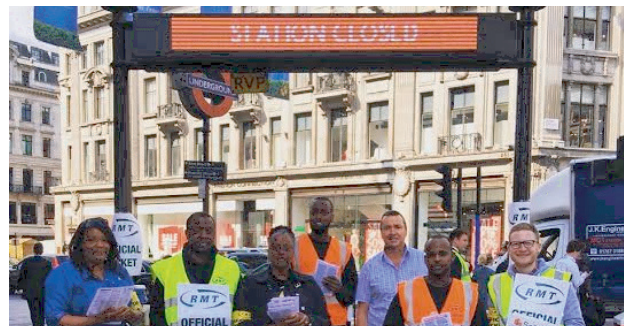
Strongest strike in years shuts down entire network

Uphold overtime ban to build pressure, prepare for more action!

Strike again on 5-6 August!



RMT General Secretary Mick Cash (fifth from left) joins strikers on the Queen's Park picket line



Picket lines at Oxford Circus (top) and Elephant and Castle (bottom)

Our strike on 8-9 July shut down the entire Tube network, but management isn't budging. That's why RMT, Aslef, TSSA, and Unite have called another strike for 5-6 August.

RMT Bakerloo mounted three successful, well-supported picket lines on 8-9 July, at Queen's Park, Oxford Circus, and Elephant and Castle, along with comrades from Aslef and TSSA.

Hands Off London Transport campaigners also joined picket lines, helping to distribute thousands of leaflets to the public explaining the reasons behind the strike.

There is no doubt that our strike will have rocked the

bosses; we now need to keep the pressure up to force real concessions.

RMT has called an indefinite overtime ban for all grades. As many stations rely on overtime to stay open, this is an essential tool for keeping pressure on the company between strike days. For more on the overtime ban and its importance, see box (right) and article overleaf.

If management don't back down after 5-6 August, it may be necessary to step up our action beyond 24-hour strikes.

Get active in your branch and participate in the discussion about where the dispute goes from here.

ALL GRADES: DO NOT WORK OVERTIME UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!

GET ACTIVE IN YOUR BRANCH!



RMT Bakerloo branch meeting - Tuesday 4 August, 16:00, upstairs at the Coach & Horses (1 Great Marlborough Street, W1F 7HG)

BACK THE BAN: SAY NO TO OVERTIME!



Our ballot for “action short of strikes” came back close to unanimous. RMT has used this mandate to call an indefinite overtime ban.

This has already begun to have an impact. Just days after our strike, two stations couldn't open up because of staff shortages. This shows how much LU relies on overtime; maybe they should employ enough staff so they don't need to!

Every grade needs to stick together in this dispute. Overtime shouldn't be seen as a way to make up the money lost through striking (an option which is not available to many grades). As well as many stations relying on overtime to stay open, all projects fleet and engineering

projects at weekends are carried out on overtime. These projects simply cannot go ahead if there are no workers.

The latest talks have shown that LU want us to sell our terms and conditions for one-off bribes (£500 for station staff and most drivers, or £2,000 for drivers in certain depots).

If we lose this dispute, you stand to lose much more than a few days' pay or a bit of extra money for overtime. You will lose hard-won rights, as LU casualises the workforce.

The overtime ban is not an optional extra, it is a key part of the dispute and absolutely essential for keeping the pressure on the company between strike days. Working overtime while an overtime ban is in place is tantamount to crossing a picket line. Don't do it!

Stand up for your colleagues, stand up for yourselves: say no to overtime!

CLEANERS DISCRIMINATED AGAINST AGAIN:

END EXPLOITATION SCANDAL

RMT Bakerloo News has received reports that several AGS agency cleaners were sent home without pay on the strike day, after cleaning contractor Interserve decided there was no work for them.

As cleaners are not directly employed by London Underground, they were not balloted as part of this dispute. However, it is the responsibility of the contractor to provide alternative work if the Tube is shut down.

RMT Bakerloo will be pursuing this issue with Interserve and LU to ensure that cleaners are not docked wages through no fault of their own.

If you are an AGS cleaner affected by this, please email bakerlooline@rmt.org.uk to discuss your situation.

What we're fighting for

- ♦ A collectively-negotiated agreement on Night Tube
- ♦ A shorter working week: more time off to compensate for increased night working
- ♦ No job cuts
- ♦ A pay settlement that reflects increases in the cost of living
- ♦ Defence of our terms and conditions - no to attacks on the Stations Framework Agreement and the Professional Train Operators' Agreement

Resist the anti-union laws

RMT Bakerloo supports the Right To Strike network, campaigning against new anti-union laws. RMT is also affiliated to the national Campaign for Trade Union Freedom.



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To submit a story for *Bakerloo News*, or to contact the branch, please email bakerlooline@rmt.org.uk, or ring Branch Secretary Jim McDaid on 07917 131692

Jeremy Corbyn for Labour leader



RMT is backing socialist MP Jeremy Corbyn in the Labour leadership contest.

Although RMT is not affiliated to the Labour Party, Labour is still linked to many trade unions; who leads it is therefore a matter of importance for working-class people.

Jeremy is a member of RMT's Parliamentary Group and the only candidate to promote trade-union politics and working-class interests.

You can register as a Labour supporter for just £3 and vote for Jeremy in the election.

For more, see jeremyforlabour.com